PATENT APPLICATION

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Yasufumi NISHII et al.

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For:

STAGE APPARATUS, EXPOSURE APPARATUS, AND EXPOSURE METHOD WITH

RECOVERY DEVICE HAVING LYOPHILIC PORTION

LARGE ENTITY PETITION FOR 1st - 3rd EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) AND TRANSMITTAL OF FEE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.17

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